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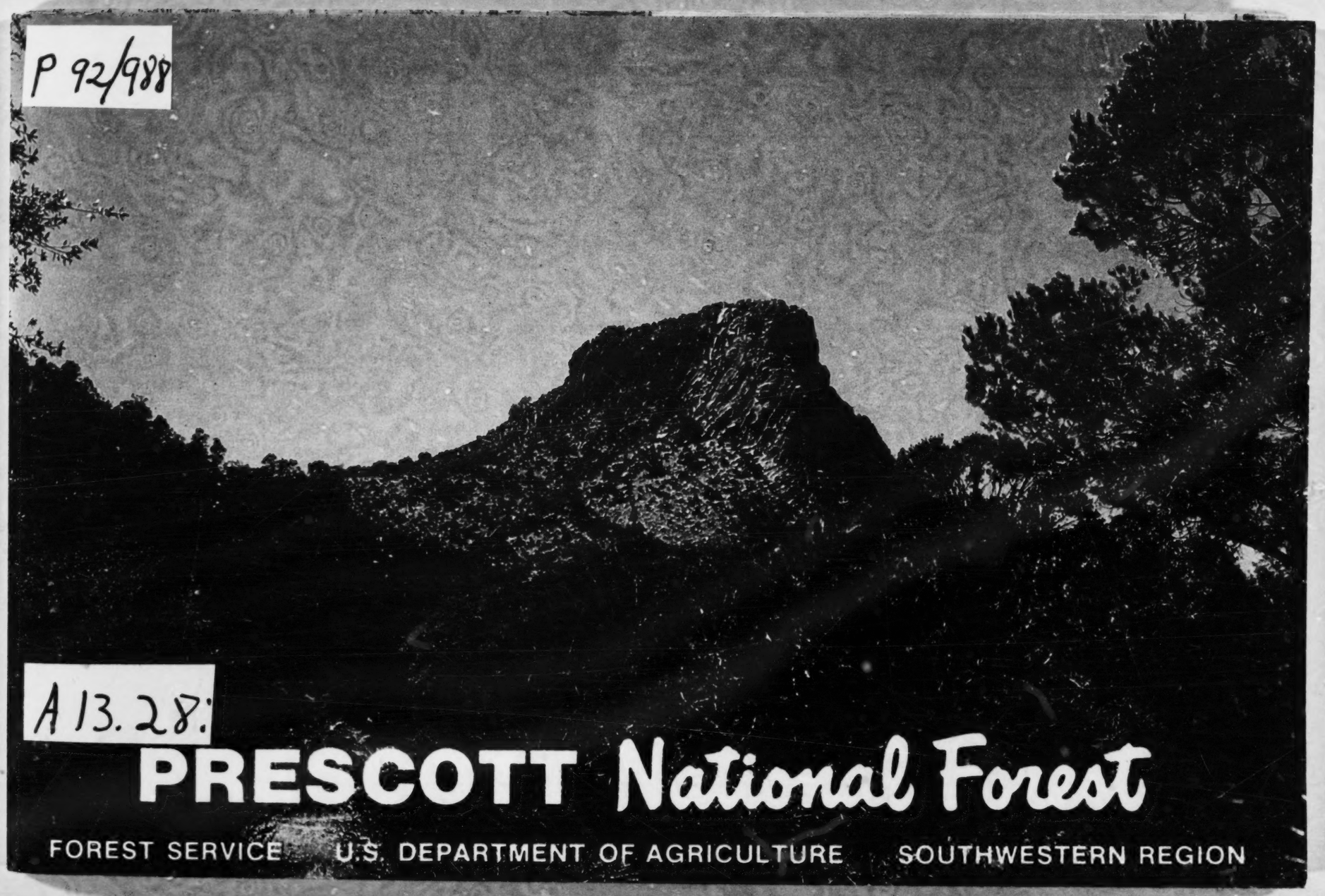

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Prescott, AZ 86301
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Chino Valley Ranger District
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Chino Valley, AZ 86323
(602) 636-2302

Verde Ranger District
P.O. Box 670
Camp Verde, AZ 86322
(602) 567-4121

**PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT**

Because of increasing visitor use, the Forest Service cannot regularly pick up litter over the entire National Forest. Most of the forest, including certain developed recreation sites, require visitors to pack out everything they pack in. It takes only a little extra effort to take out empty containers, etc., that were brought in full. Don't forget: cigarette butts and pop tabs are litter, too.

## Prevent Forest Fires!

When fire danger is extreme, travel on the forest may be restricted to certain roads or areas. Your adherence to all fire restrictions and prevention measures is needed. If in doubt, ask at the nearest Ranger Station shown on this map. Unless prohibited due to extreme fire danger, building campfires is allowed — but always use extreme caution! Remember: cigarettes start fires too.

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| Potato Patch | 6,500 | H-5 | X | X | | | | | 14 | May - Nov | 14 | |
| The Playgrounds | 7,500 | H-5 | | X | | | | | 15 | May - Nov | 1 | |
| Mingus Mountain | 7,600 | H-5 | X | X | | | X | | 24 | Apr - Nov | 14 | Nature Trail |
| Powell Springs | 5,300 | I-6 | X | X | | | X | X | 10 | All Year | 14 | |

OTHER RECREATION SITES—POINTS OF INTEREST

| Name | Location on Map | Special | Name | Location on Map | Special |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jerome | I-4 | State Historic Park | Bill Williams Ski Area | H-1 | Adjacent Nat'l. For. |
| Granite Dells | F-6 | | Dogtown Campground | H-1 | Adjacent Nat'l. For. |
| Fort Verde | K-6 | State Historic Park | Whitehorse Campground | I-2 | Adjacent Nat'l. For. |
| Montezuma Castle | K-6 | National Monument | Clear Creek Campground | K-6 | Adjacent Nat'l. For. |
| Tuzigoot | I-4 | National Monument | | | |

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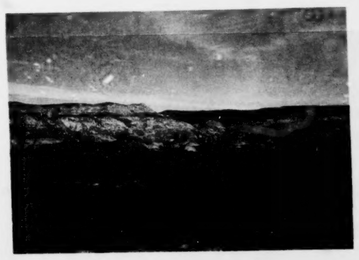

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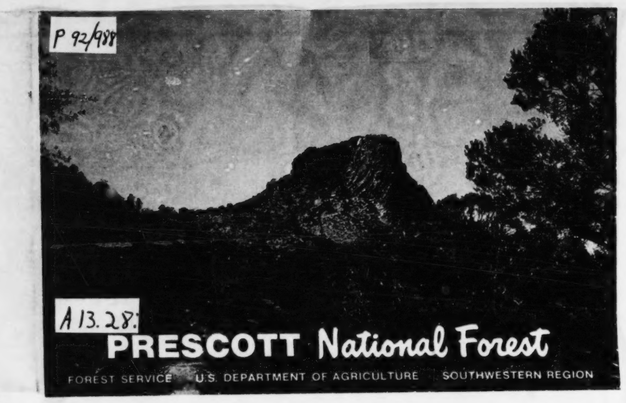



# *Welcome...*

## to the Prescott National Forest

*"Caring for the Land and Serving People"*

Grief Hill, Yellowjacket Gulch, Lonesome Pocket, Blind Indian Creek, Battle Flat, and Horsethief Basin. These formidable place names of the Prescott National Forest are a heritage from harsher times. From here, more than a century ago, Arizona Territory was proclaimed in the middle of a wilderness. Trails and camps were made by intrepid frontiersmen, who bet their lives and sometimes lost. Stolen herds once healed fresh brands at Horsethief Basin. Five desperate cowboys held off 150 Indians in a furious gunfight at Battle Flat. Ten faint graves suggest the inspiration for Grief Hill. The colorful names are authentic.

Portions of the Prescott National Forest today are much the same as they were when Sam Miller reached for gold in Lynx Creek and was wounded by a wildcat, or when General Crook's flag of command fluttered over Palace Station which has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a part of our American heritage.

The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is dedicated to the principle of multiple use management of the nation's forest resources for sustained yields of recreation, wildlife, water, forage, and wood. Through forestry research, cooperation with the states and private forest owners, and management of the National Forests and National Grasslands, it strives — as directed by Congress — to provide increasingly greater service to a growing Nation.

### The Forest

There are one and a quarter million acres in the Prescott National Forest. About half of the forest lies west of the city of Prescott, the first capital of Arizona, in the Santa Maria, Juniper, Sierra Prieta, and Bradshaw mountains. The other half of the forest is east of Prescott and takes in the Black Hills, Mingus Mountain, Black Mesa, and the headwaters of the Verde River.

The forest is located in this mountainous section of central Arizona between the forested plateaus to the north and the arid desert region to the south. Elevations range between 3,000 feet above sea level along the lower Verde Valley to almost 8,000 feet at the top of Mount Union, the highest natural feature on the forest. Vegetation varies from desert shrub at the lower elevations through grassland, pinyon-juniper woodland, chaparral, ponderosa pine, and Douglas-fir and white fir at the highest elevations.

The climate is mild with cool nighttime temperatures in the 50's and warm daytime temperatures in the 90's during the summer. Winter temperatures rarely dip below zero and normally will rise above freezing every day. Although periodic winter snow storms, lasting a day or two, blow across Arizona from December to March, snow melts rapidly in the warm daytime temperatures and does not pose a barrier to enjoying a visit. Visitors to the Prescott in July and August should bring rain gear as the midsummer rainy season can produce afternoon thunderstorms with one inch of rain within two or three hours. Annual precipitation varies from 8 inches at the lower elevations to 25 inches at the higher elevations.

### Water

The rugged topography of the Prescott National Forest provides important watersheds for both the Verde and Colorado River systems. Within these watersheds are many important perennial and intermittent stream courses and drainages. These riparian areas contain numerous hardwood species including sycamore, walnut, cherry, boxelder, aspen and cottonwood. These important areas provide cool relief from the summer sun and contribute significantly to the unique and special character of the forest.

### Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

The main camping and picnic season on the forest generally runs from late May to early September, however, many of the developed sites remain open for public use after the regular season. For the recreation visitor there are 11 campgrounds (5 are located near man-made lakes), 5 picnic areas, 4 group reservation campgrounds and 2 reservation picnic areas. Most of these developed recreation sites are located in the pines and, with the exception of the group reservation sites, the camp and picnic areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Some campgrounds have spaces that will accommodate recreational vehicles, but none of the sites are equipped with water, electricity, or sewer hook-ups.

For the hiker, backpacker, horseback rider, or trailbiker, the Prescott offers a variety of scenic trails, destination trails, and loop trails, totaling almost 450 miles. There is one National Recreation Trail (Granite Mountain Trail) and a National Historic Study Trail (General Crook Trail). Because of the mild climate, most of the trails can be enjoyed year-round. However, when plans are made to experience one of the many available trails, it is recommended that enough water be carried on the trip since natural water sources are scarce and undependable throughout most of the forest.

If a backcountry experience is your pleasure, there are 8 wilderness areas totaling more than 104,000 acres located entirely or partially within the Prescott National Forest. Within wilderness areas, travel is limited to foot or horseback; no vehicles are allowed. Granite Mountain Wilderness is the most popular of all the wildernesses due to its close proximity to Prescott (only 20 minutes by paved road) and the unique experience it offers for hiking among hugh granite boulders, rock formations, and the outstanding view of the surrounding area.

**RESPECT IT!**
**YOUR *National Forest***

### Wildlife Abounds

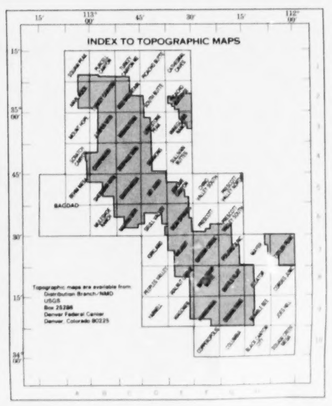
Rocky Mountain mule deer are found throughout the Prescott National Forest. Other big game animals residing in forest habitats are white-tailed deer, elk, antelope, javelina, and black bear. Furbearers include weasel, mink, beaver, fox, raccoon, and badger. Small game animals are Abert and gray squirrel, cottontail, and jack rabbit. Game birds represented are the wild turkey, band-tailed pigeon, dove, quail, and waterfowl.

Trout fishing is available at Lynx Lake. Crappies, bluegill, and sunfish can be taken from Granite Basin Lake and Horsethief Reservoir. The Verde River offers fishing for channel catfish, smallmouth bass and bullheads.

The Forest Service is charged with the responsibility of insuring food, water, and cover for wildlife. Management of the forest's wild animal and fish populations is the responsibility of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

The Prescott National Forest is also home to several threatened or endangered plant and animal species, including the Bald Eagle, Spikedace, Gila Monster, and Arizona Cliffrose. Management activities are designed to assist their recovery in both population and distribution.

***This, then is the Prescott National Forest today; not at all forbidding despite its rawhide names.***

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thumb Butte | 5,700 | E-6 | | x | | | | x | 19 | All Year | 1 | Nature Trail |
| Thumb Butte - Group Area A | 5,700 | E-6 | | x | | | | x | | All Year | 1 | User Fee Grp. use by Res. 100 max. |
| Thumb Butte - Group Area B | 5,700 | E-6 | | x | | | | x | | All Year | 1 | User Fee Grp. use by Res. 100 max. |
| White Spar | 5,700 | F-6 | x | x | | | x | x | 62 | All Year | 14 | User Fee |
| Lynx Lake | 5,500 | F-6 | x | x | x | x | x | x | 38 | All Year | 5 | User Fee |
| Hilltop | 5,800 | F-6 | x | x | x | x | x | | 39 | May-Oct | 5 | |
| Upper Wolf Creek - Group Area | 6,000 | F-7 | x | x | | | x | x | | All Year | 14 | User Fee Grp. use by Res. 100 max. |
| Lower Wolf Creek | 6,000 | F-7 | x | x | | | x | | 20 | May-Nov | 14 | |
| Indian Creek | 5,800 | F-7 | x | x | | | x | | 27 | May-Sept | 14 | |
| Granite Basin - Group Area | 5,600 | E-6 | x | x | x | x | x | x | | All Year | 14 | User Fee Grp. use by Res. 100 max. |
| Granite Basin | 5,600 | E-6 | x | x | x | x | x | x | 18 | All Year | 14 | User Fee |
| Granite Basin | 5,600 | E-6 | | x | x | x | | x | 5 | All Year | 1 | |
| Haskell Hollow | 6,000 | G-9 | x | x | | | | x | 16 | May-Nov | 14 | |
| Kentuck Springs | 6,000 | G-9 | x | x | | | x | | 10 | May-Nov | 14 | |
| Turney Gulch | 6,000 | G-9 | x | x | | | | x | 8 | May-Nov | 14 | Grp. use by Res. |
| Horsethief Basin Lake | 6,100 | G-9 | | | x | x | | | | May-Nov | | |
| Groom Creek Horse Camp | 5,000 | F-7 | x | x | | | x | x | 41 | All Year | 14 | User Fee Grp. use by Res. |

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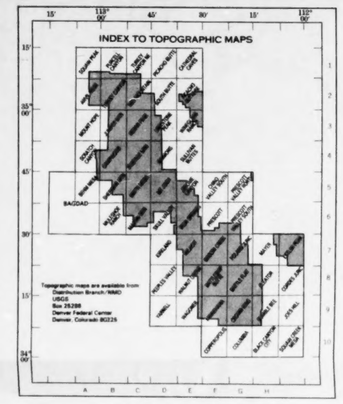


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